

LETTER  
FROM  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

RECOMMENDING

*Such legislation by Congress as will authorize the sale of the Oglethorpe Barracks, Savannah, Ga., &c.*

MAY 25, 1880.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington City, May 22, 1880.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to inform the Senate that the military post of Savannah, which was established about 1834, and which is known as "Oglethorpe Barracks," located in the city of Savannah, Ga., having been no longer needed for military uses, was abandoned in April, 1879, and to recommend such legislation by Congress as will authorize the sale to the highest bidders, after public advertisement, of the site and buildings occupied by said barracks.

Inclosed is a transcript from the official records, giving a description of the property referred to.

ALEX. RAMSEY,  
*Secretary of War.*

The PRESIDENT  
*of the United States Senate.*

*Transcript from "Descriptions of Military Posts and Stations," prepared in Quartermaster-General's Office, 1871.*

Post of SAVANNAH (*Oglethorpe Barracks*), GEORGIA. (Established about 1834.) Information given by G. A. DeRussy, major Third Artillery, April, 1870, commanding officer at the time.

*Location.*—In the city of Savannah, Ga.

*Quarters.*—One barrack, 130 by 30 feet, two stories, built of brick. Two companies could be crowded into the garrison, or two companies could be easily provided for, if laundresses were otherwise quartered.

*Officers' quarters.*—One building, 63 by 33 feet, two stories, built of brick, and containing one room for quartermaster and commissary stores. There is at the post one stable, built of brick; also, one small building built of brick, used as the commanding officer's office.

SALE OF OGLETHORPE BARRACKS.

*Hospital, guard-house, &c.*—Two-story building, built of brick and wood; foundation and first story, 59 by 24 feet; second story, 79 by 42 feet. Accommodation for sixteen patients.

*Guard-house.*—Two stories, built of wood, with one room for guard, one room for sergeant of the guard, large room for prisoners, and four cells. The second story contains one room, used by company tailor.

*Oglethorpe Barracks, Savannah, Ga.*—Garrison withdrawn April 18-23, 1879, and post left in charge of Ordnance Sergeant Charles A. Campbell.

*Buildings.*—See preceding transcripts, from Descriptions of Military Posts and Stations, prepared in Quartermaster-General's Office.

Supposed to be in good condition. General Sherman, in June, 1879, reported that they could not be built for much less than \$60,000 or \$80,000.

April 22, 1879, application for use of by First Volunteer Regiment of Georgia refused by Secretary of War.

May 8, 1879, application from president Young Men's Christian Association of Savannah, Ga., also declined by Secretary of War.

Applications also made to vest the title in the city of Savannah, but, upon recommendation of the General of the Army, the Secretary decided to recommend sale of buildings at next session of Congress.

The use of one building by the engineer assistant to General Gillmore has been authorized.

*Reservation.*—Land ceded to the United States by the city of Savannah, November 5, 1833.